



Bright Schools Program

ENERGY EFFICIENT SCHOOLS FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

HOW CAN ENERGY EFFICIENCY BENEFIT YOUR SCHOOL?

MOST CALIFORNIA SCHOOLS SPEND MORE MONEY ON ENERGY EACH YEAR THAN ON SCHOOL SUPPLIES. The Bright Schools Program offers services to help find ways for your school to reduce energy consumption and costs.

Let us help you identify cost-effective energy efficient upgrades. The Bright Schools Program is continuously open with no final filing date. Program funds are limited, however, so filing promptly will increase your chances of receiving assistance. Applications are accepted on a first-come, first served basis.

Savings typically reduce annual utility costs by an average of 15–20 percent. Administrators confirm that our recommendations and assistance have led to better learning environments.

For Existing Schools

- » Conduct energy audits and feasibility studies
- » Review existing proposals and designs
- » Develop equipment performance specifications
- » Assist with contractor selection
- » Review equipment bid specifications
- » Review commissioning plans and design processes.

New School Construction

- » Provide design consultation
- » Identify cost-effective energy-saving measures
- » Provide recommendations to maximize Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS) energy credits for state funding
- » Provide equipment specification consultation
- » Develop computer simulation models of your planned project
- » Help select design professionals with energy efficiency expertise
- » Review schematics and construction plans
- » Assist with system commissioning

Where To Learn More

The Bright Schools Technical Assistance application is available from the California Energy Commission's website at:
energy.ca.gov/efficiency/brightschools/

How Do I Apply?

1 Complete the Technical Assistance application.

The application provides the opportunity to request the specific energy efficiency assistance you need.

2 Enclose supplemental information.

Provide copies of any relevant information, such as past energy studies and preliminary plans or drawings. Provide the latest 12 months of utility bills for each account pertaining to the school(s) for which you are requesting technical assistance. If fuels are not delivered on a regular schedule (propane, heating oil, etc.), please send invoices for the past two years. Also send in your sitemap such as 1-A or a fire evacuation map.

3 Governing Board Resolution.

Provide a SIGNED resolution from your governing board organization. The Governing Board Resolution must demonstrate your district's commitment to implementing the Bright Schools Program's energy efficiency recommendations

4 Mail your application and supplemental information

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Bright Schools Program
Special Projects Office
1516 Ninth Street, MS 23
Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

For assistance please call (916) 654-4104.

Who is eligible for the Bright Schools Program?

All publicly funded California K-12 school districts and non-profit K-12 schools are eligible for assistance from the Bright Schools Program. The program provides a wide range of technical assistance, usually at no cost.



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